

# Port Sorell language

**Port Sorell** is an aboriginal language of Tasmania in the reconstruction of Claire Bowern.<sup>[3]</sup> It was spoken near Port Sorell, in the center of the north coast, just east of Northern Tasmanian proper. Dixon & Crowley agree that there is unlikely to be a close connection to other varieties of Tasmanian.<sup>[4]</sup>

Port Sorell Tasmanian is attested from two word lists: One of 268 words collected by Charles Robinson at Port Sorell, and another of only 77 words, the "Little Jemmie's" vocabulary collected by George Augustus Robinson.<sup>[5]</sup>

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Port Sorell	
	Port Sorell Tasmanian
<b>Region</b>	North-central coast of Tasmania
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Northern tribe of Tasmanians
<b>Extinct</b>	19th century
<b>Language family</b>	Northern–Western Tasmanian? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Northern Tasmanian</li> <li>▪ Port Sorell</li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	xpl
<b>Glottolog</b>	None port1278 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/port1278">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/port1278</a> ) included <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>AIATSIS<sup>[2]</sup></b>	T13 ( <a href="https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T13">https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T13</a> )

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